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PRESIDENTIAL IMMUNITY FROM CRITICISM

When the noble, old-world democrat, the Marquis de Lafayette re-visited America in 1824 and was given that memorable triumphal reception—troops of joyous, white-robed maidenhood spreading richest flowers before him—with what fine deference to republican institutions it was that, gently waving aside their homage, he exclaimed: "It's only a man!"

And so he was, according to our system of governmental thinking, and so is every honorable citizen, nothing more or less than a man. There is no such thing as "blue" or other shades of blood here, though of course, there is—as there should be everywhere—a proud preference for red-blooded people.

But to our mind, there is a distinction in people in this country, and that in a very decided way, when one by an honest majority of the suffrages of his fellows has been promoted to a position of official authority. For while the person so elevated has not necessarily become ennobled, he has become, in that he is a representative, a federated personality, so to speak—embodying, according to our principle, the judgment and will of the governmental unit. Thenceforth, to deny him less than ungrudging cooperation, in his official capacity, is to refuse to grant him what we would have expected from opponents, had the man of our choice been successful.

In our judgment, such a course—which concededly convicts one of bad faith, in one of its most pernicious forms—in times of peace, even, is revolutionary in its effects and subversive of republican institutions. Nevertheless our government at such times, in its lavish grant of free speech, places no embargo upon the most unbridled criticism and vituperation, although directed against the official head of the nation.

In the stress of war times, it is doubly necessary that any strictures upon the chief executive—as being seditious and "giving aid and comfort to the enemy," be considered treason, and the United States with other foremost countries has so determined, and has ordered persons guilty of such held to strict accountability.

The matter was considered of such grave importance that this government sent broadcast, through the proper official channels, peremptory warnings to the public, to keep its mouth shut in respect to defamation of the President, and, in case it needed any help, designating the appropriate authorities to assist in the operation.

One was required, not only to refrain from such expressions oneself, but was enjoined to refuse to listen to the same and to report offenders, for summary punishment.

United States attorneys and peace officers generally were constituted ex-officio inspectors in the matter, and the inference was plainly to be drawn that if they are found derelict in holding deliverers of treasonable utterances to answer, it will be obligatory upon them to show cause why they themselves are not culpable.

With the wide publicity given the demand that the President be immune from criticism during the war, offenses in this regard can only be attributed to wanton lawlessness or a crassness of ignorance which, at such times especially, amounts to criminality.

And in proportion to this country's unique leniency in the matter of expression of opinion, in ordinary times, should be its wrath of retribution upon those who have the presumption, in the time of fiery trial, by "loosing wild tongues that have not law in awe," to open to enemies the gates to its citadel.

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DEATH TAKES AGED LAFAYETTE MAN

Ezra Ritchie, a prominent and nearly life-long resident of the county, died at his home in Lafayette, last Sunday, May 6, at the advanced age of 87 years.

Funeral services were held from the home, Tuesday morning, at 10.30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Snyder. Burial was made in Chatham cemetery.

IMPROVEMENT ASS'N. HAVE BEEN ON THE JOB

At the monthly meeting of the Civic Improvement association on Saturday afternoon, a report was received from the committee which visited business places with Health Officer Sedgwick on Clean-up day. This committee gave special attention to places handling food products, and was entirely unannounced and reports conditions quite satisfactory, the late spring however, having delayed some good intentions, in the way of cleaning up rear alleys. Suggestions were received as given, in a spirit of kindly cooperation.

Clean-up day collection was much retarded by rains, which made the dumping ground inaccessible. Mr. T. E. Munroe presented, by request, a plan for the adequate lighting of Medina's attractive park; a boulevard system, with underground wiring and high-powered lamps. The association is considering this somewhat expensive proposition seriously, and invites all interested to discuss the matter at its next meeting on Friday, June 1.

PROBATE COURT

Proof of publication of notice of sale of land in the estate of Laura A. Crom.

Addie A. Daniels appointed executrix of the will of Louisa A. Kimber. Bond \$100.

First and final account filed in estate of Katherine Ulmer.

Application to invest funds in real estate granted in guardianship of Edwin and Frances Howe.

Mary Davids appointed administratrix of estate of Chas. N. Carpenter. Bond, \$600. Appraisers: W. G. Brodt, Ed. Mills and H. E. Leach.

First partial account filed in guardianship of Floyd J. Baker and others.

Milo Billman appointed administrator of estate of A. F. Simcox. Bond \$2,000.

Proof of publication filed in estate of Emory C. Wilson.

Inventory filed in estate of Milton Kilmer.

Hearing had and sale found necessary; additional bond ordered in the sum of \$5,000 in estate of Simon Newman.

Sixth and final account filed in the guardianship of Lynn B. Tsomas.

Fourth partial account filed in the trusteeship of Clair Miner.

Philip Ahl appointed guardian of Merle Ahl. Bond \$100.

SPRAY FRUIT TREES. SAYS COUNTY AGENT

B. G. Daniels, county agricultural agent, is not content to look after the outlined routine duties of his office, but is scattering suggestions here and there on his trips through the county as to many advantages to be gained by farmers and those who are trying to garden in a small way, from his experience as a farmer.

This week he has confined himself to the question of spraying fruit trees. According to Mr. Daniels, now is the accepted time for spraying, if it has not been done before. He says that the first spraying should be done just after the petals have fallen; the second about two weeks later; the third between June 25 and July 10. The solution for the spray is made by using from three to five pounds of arsenate of lead, one gallon of lime sulphur, to fifty gallons of water. These sprayings should be done thoroughly, with good force sprays. If this is followed, says Mr. Daniels, a great deal of fruit, such as apples, pears, cherries, plums, quinces, etc., will be saved.



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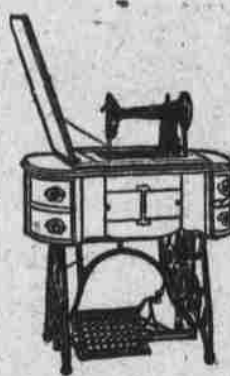
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